GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4006
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RAIL PROJECTS
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the implementation of ongoing rail projects of gauge conversion and laying of new rail lines in the country;

(b) if so, the details of financial and physical progress achieved so far during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether some of the ongoing projects have witnessed a steep cost escalation and likely to be commercially unviable;

(d) if so, the details of such projects, State-wise and the amount spent on them so far;

(e) whether the Government are considering to abandon such unviable projects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) The implementation of ongoing projects are regularly reviewed at various administrative levels.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) & (d) Some cost escalation does take place in some projects due to large shelve of projects and limited availability of resources. However, the viability of the project is assessed only at the time of taking up of the project.

(e) There is no such proposal to abandon any of the ongoing projects.

(f) Does not arise.